

Foss Park District
Special Meeting November 1, 2016

Call to order: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Roll Call:

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Tony Jones and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Donna King.

Pledge of Allegiance dispensed as no flag present.

Business:

1. Walk through of property – 701 14th Street, North Chicago

Mr. Skof and Ms. Cowart walked the Board of Commissioners through property with recommendations. Mr. Skof explained the potential load bearing walls, the Board Office, storage room, Executive Director Office, bathrooms, Business Office and waiting area. Mr. Skof stated the downstairs area would be storage; however, staff is unsure if the stairway meets current code.

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 9:09 am.

Mr. Skof stated the changes were made to help in the cost of the project and that a contractor explained a lot of money was put into moving bathrooms and staff suggests keeping the bathrooms near the original area. Commissioner Baldwin stated the bathrooms had to have enough room to stay in the original area.

Commissioner Wyatt stated the parking could be an issue on Board Meeting nights. Ms. Cowart stated there can be a discussion with the City.

Mr. Skof stated the number of windows was reduced for cost savings as well. Ms. Cowart stated the property line on the west side is the tree line and the grass belongs to the church. Ms. Cowart stated she would reach out to the church again regarding the lot.

Commissioner Johnson stated he is having a difficult time seeing the design. Ms. Cowart stated it can be spray painted to lay out the area. Commissioner Jones stated the building is raw and will now be able to understand the drawing.

Mr. Skof stated the bathrooms and moving the pipe is a key to saving money.

Commissioner Johnson stated there should be a few windows in the Business Office for natural light. Mr. Skof stated the original plan included the Board, Executive Director and Business Office in the building and the Community Center is all recreation. He continued that other items include an alarm system, moving the servers, phones, internet, etc.

Mr. Skof explained how the ramp will give handicap access to the building. Commissioner Jones stated the incline may be too steep for the ramp. Commissioner Wyatt stated it could be extended out. Mr. Skof stated that will be discussed with the architect.

Commissioner Johnson stated items to discuss are windows and two unisex bathrooms.

Citizens Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wyatt stated the meeting will stand adjourned at 9:25 am.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary